



# Istation and Idaho SDE

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## ***What is Istation's relationship with Idaho?***

Through a competitive RFP process, Istation was selected by the Idaho State Department of Education as the vendor to support the Idaho Reading Initiative (IRI). Enacted by the Idaho legislature, the IRI is designed to ensure that all children in the state of Idaho master the skills they need to become successful readers.

As defined in Istation's contract with the Idaho SDE, Istation is providing Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) Early Reading assessment to screen students for intervention in kindergarten through 3rd grade. The Istation Early Reading assessment also includes **free educator access** to multiple reports, professional development, fully-scripted teacher-directed lessons and supplemental materials. No additional technology is required to be purchased to see improvement in assessment scores.

The ISIP ER assessment is being provided at **no charge** to selected pilot districts and schools. In a matter of weeks, Istation successfully enrolled 58 pilot schools and over 13,000 students for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The ISIP ER assessment solution is designed to (a) identify children at risk for reading difficulties, (b) provide continuous progress monitoring of skills that are predictors of later reading success, and (c) provide immediate and automatic linkage of assessment data to student learning needs, which facilitates differentiated instruction.

## ***Do Districts have to buy "new technology" or the Istation curriculum to see improvement in ISIP ER scores?***

No, districts do not have to purchase any additional technology to see improvement in assessment scores. ISIP ER is an effective progress monitoring tool that already links directly to teacher resources to help with intervention activities.

Although Istation offers an interactive supplemental curriculum that places each student on a personalized learning path, this is not a part of the contract with the Idaho SDE, nor is it required for effective use of the ISIP ER assessment. Istation's curriculum is an optional, supplemental tool that is offered to schools who are interested in supplementing their instruction with additional adaptive resources.